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To: California State Management Team

From: State Director

Subject: FY 2009 State Director's Policy on Occupational Safety and Health for California BLM,

and California State Safety and Health Action Plan for FY 2009-2010

Program Area: Occupational Safety and Health

Purpose: This Instruction Memorandum updates and reissues the State Director's policy on Occupational Safety & Health for California BLM and transmits the attached California State Safety and Health Action Plan for FY 2009-2010.

BLM's policy is to provide safe and healthy working conditions, prevent employee injuries and workrelated illnesses, prevent visitor injuries, and protect Bureau owned or leased property from damage. All managers are responsible and accountable for implementing and managing a vigorous safety program and incorporating safety conscious work practices for all programs under their jurisdiction. BLM Handbook 1112-2, Safety and Health for Field Operations, contains information and guidance on the Safety Program. In addition, the California Strategic Priorities include an emphasis on specific aspects of our Safety Program.

I expect each of you to incorporate safety into your workforce and budget planning processes to ensure that appropriate funding, personnel, and other resources are allocated to effectively administer the Safety Program. In addition, I expect each of you to establish an environment which values safety first in the decision making process. One important element in creating a safe environment for your employees and visitors is developing a Safety and Health Action Plan for your local office as required in the state Safety and Health Action Plan (Attachment 1). I am also requesting that you personally ensure that your local safety officer receives appropriate training as outlined in the Safety Training Matrix (Attachment 2), and that you adopt the attached Best Management Practices (Attachment 3) wherever appropriate.

I encourage each of you to become advocates for Safety and Health in the workplace. We all have a responsibility to prevent accidents, to identify and correct hazards, to provide a healthy work environment, and to provide and use appropriate safety engineering practices, administrative controls, and/or protective equipment.

Your local permanent or collateral duty Safety Officer, as well as the State Safety Manager, Jim Anger, can assist you with all aspects of the program. Full-time and collateral duty Safety Officers in California are:

<u>Contact</u>	<u>Location</u>	Phone Number	Collateral or FT
Hazel Turner	Bakersfield F.O.	661-391-6092	collateral
Donna McMullen	Bishop F.O.	760-872-5021	full time
John Rapphahn	Folsom F.O.	916-985-4474	collateral
Dave Slibsager	Hollister F.O.	831-630-5040	collateral
Russ Elam	Eagle Lake F.O.	530-252-5317	collateral
Dave McKirahan	Alturas F.O.	530-233-4666	collateral
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Hank Harrison	Arcata F.O.	707-825-2318	collateral
Erin Simmons	Ukiah F.O.	707-468-4021	collateral
Tim Bradley	Redding F.O.	530-224-2124	collateral
Robert Haggerty	CDD	909-697-5210	full time
Randy Masner	Ridgecrest F.O.	760-384-5400	collateral
Terry Joyce	Palm Springs F.O.	760-251-9283	collateral
Gil Fritzsche	El Centro F.O.	760-337-4433	collateral
Harold Thomas	Barstow F.O.	760-252-6049	collateral
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Jim Anger	Sacramento S.O.	916-978-4521	full time

For additional information and guidance on the Safety Program, please review <u>BLM Handbook 1112-2</u> Safety and Health for Field Operations. Questions regarding this IM can be directed to Jim Anger at (916) 978-4521.

Signed by: James Wesley Abbott Associate State Director Authenticated by: Richard A. Erickson Records Management

3 Attachments

- 1 California State Safety and Health Action Plan (4 pgs.)
- 2 Safety Training Matrix (3 pgs.)
- 3 Best Management Practices (2 pgs.)